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SONS OF ENGLAND

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

UNDER THE SUPREME JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

Established, December 12th, 1874.

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BRO. J. W. LONDON, PRINTER TO GRAND LODGE.

1889.

The Sons of England Benevolent Society was founded in the City of Toronto, County of York, Province of Ontario, and Dominion of Canada, on the 12th day of December, 1874, by George F. Carrette, James Lomas, Samuel Buckner, and others.

Address to Englishmen.

Amongst the numerous Benevolent Societies at present formed in the Dominion there are none exclusively for Englishmen. The Scotchman has his "St. Andrew's Society," the Irishman has his "St. Patrick's Society," Germans and the natives of other countries have theirs, from which they do not only claim benefits, but in which they meet none but their own country-men. The members of these societies, by their advice, and by more substantial means, aid and assist their less successful compatriots.

Is an Englishman's heart less warm or less true to his countrymen than are the hearts of those claiming a different nationality to his own? History proves otherwise. Why, then, should we not unite and form a Society that shall have for its objects the moral, mental and social advancement of Englishmen, for assisting each other in times of sickness, need and death, for rendering pecuniary and beneficial aid to the widows and orphans of deceased members, and for other good, noble and patriotic purposes. There is a noble society formed here and elsewhere that

is doing a great work amongst Englishmen, namely, the St. George's Society; but are we, as Englishmen, if visited by sickness or distress of any kind to be compelled to solicit charity? No man of fine feeling and high principle can receive charity without feeling humiliated. Let us, then, as Englishmen, loving our country and countrymen, have a society from which we can, when in sickness or distress, claim aid as our right, and not as a charity—a society from which we can receive assistance without feeling under any obligation to each other. Providence has not given to any man an indemnity from affliction, and it is a duty we owe ourselves and our families to provide against that distress which inevitably attends its visitation.

No class in society are exempt, but the more humble are particularly exposed to misfortune and sickness, as disastrous in their consequences as they are difficult to avert. It is a good and noble principle in men to try, by frugality and prudence, to lay up a store for old age and to meet calamities. Shall we not, then, form a society in which we can meet brother Englishmen, and from which we can demand relief, not as a charity, nor as a gift, but as a right to which we are justly entitled, from having, when in health and prosperity, provided against adversity. There is a charge - and to some extent a truthful one— That Englishmen will not nnite for their mutual good. Men claiming a different nationality from ours have been greatly benefitted by uniting. Is it not logically certain

that we, if united, shall derive mutual benefits, and increase in strength, prosperity and usefulness? Where is the Englishman, when afar from his native home, whose heart does not warm when he meets one of his countrymen? Let us, then, join together, one and all, and form a *Band of Brothers*, in reality, and not merely in name, a Society in which we shall meet only our own kindred and lovers of our dear Old Land, the wonder and admiration of the world. "England! with all thy faults, *I* love thee still." The founders of this society deemed it prudent to exclude Roman Catholics from membership in it, not because they bear any ill-will towards them, but because this is a secret society, and Roman Catholics are prohibited from joining such. In conclusion, let us assure all worthy Englishmen of a most hearty and cordial welcome into our ranks. Our motto is Fidelity—faithful to ourselves, faithful to each other, and faithful to our country—and, if carried out in its integrity, no society has a more noble one.

Toronto, 1889.

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All previous issues are hereby repealed.

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—OF THE—

Sons of England Benevolent Society

Name and Objects of the Order.

This Society shall be called the "Sons of England Benevolent Society," and shall have for its objects:

1. The bringing together of Englishmen for their mutual benefit and support, and the maintenance of the British Connection.

2. For the raising of funds, by entrance fees, subscriptions of members, fines, donations, and by interest on capital, for the following purposes: Rendering assistance to members when sick, or unable to follow their

employment, supplying medical attendance and medicine to members, assuring lives of members on mutual principles, and assisting in defraying the funeral expenses of deceased members, members' deceased wives and children.

Membership.

3. This Society shall consist of an unlimited number of members, but every person admitted to full financial membership must be over 18 and under 60 years of age. Honorary members may be over 60 years, but not under 18.

4. This Society shall be composed of Englishmen and their descendants, who must be Protestants. And the definition of an Englishman, as accepted by this Society, shall be, that he or his male ancestors must have been born in that part of Great Britain south of the Tweed, which shall be the boundary line. Welshmen and those from the Isles of Man, Anglesea and the Channel Isles shall be eligible to become members of this Order. The wives of all candidates and members must be Protestants, no matter what their nationality. All candidates for membership must be of good moral character and in sound health.

Constitution and Powers of the Supreme Grand Lodge.

5. This Lodge shall be known and styled as "The Supreme Grand Lodge of the Sons of England Benevolent

Society," and shall consist of delegates duly elected from the various Lodges of the Order, who shall represent and act on behalf of the same. Lodges shall have the right to send two delegates only to the Supreme Grand Lodge. No person shall attend the Supreme Grand Lodge as a delegate unless he has filled some executive office in a Lodge for a period of not less than one month and is a member of the White Rose Degree. Each representative shall bring credentials, signed by the President and Secretary of his Lodge, bearing the Lodge Seal, and present the same personally to the Supreme Grand Secretary at the time and place appointed, or be liable to be fined one dollar. No member of the Supreme Grand Lodge shall be entit'ed to a seat therein unless he is clear of all dues and other charges in his Sub-lodge. No Lodge shall be entitled to send delegates to the Supreme Grand Lodge unless the capitation tax and other indebetedness of the Lodge is paid.

6. The Supreme Grand Lodge shall have power to make laws for the government of the Order; to alter, amend and rescind those already made; hear and determine all appeals from the Lodges and members thereof; redress all grievances arising therefrom; have the right and power of granting, suspending or annulling charters for proper cause; of electing its own officers; of regulating the means of its own support; and shall decide and determine upon all matters connected with the Order.

7. The Supreme Grand Lodge shall assemble annually

on the second Tuesday in February, and open in the First Degree and adjourn its sittings from day to day until its business is completed, and decide where the next annual meeting shall be held. No delegate shall be allowed to leave the Supreme Grand Lodge previous to the conclusion of all sittings, unless he has first procured the sanction of the meeting. Nine members of the Supreme Grand Lodge shall constitute a quorum.

8. Provided that no quorum assemble at the time appointed the Supreme Grand President or presiding officer shall have power to adjourn the meeting, naming the time of next meeting.

8. The following shall be the titles of the Supreme Grand Lodge officers, to whom shall attach the precedents and privileges always appertaining to their respective offices, and who shall be held responsible to the Supreme Grand Lodge for the proper discharge of their several duties : Supreme Grand President, Supreme Grand Vice-President, Supreme Grand Secretary, Supreme Grand Treasurer, Immediate Past Supreme Grand President, who shall constitute the Executive Council of the Supreme Grand Lodge. The Right Worthy Deputy Grand President, Supreme Grand Chaplain, Supreme Grand Auditors, Supreme Grand Trustees, and all Committees shall be elected by the Supreme Grand Lodge when in session.

10. In the event of a vacancy taking place in the

Executive Council for the time being, by the death, resignation, suspension or expulsion of the Supreme Grand President, the Supreme Grand Vice-President shall at once take his place. Should a vacancy occur from any of the aforesaid causes among the other executive officers, the executive of the Supreme Grand Lodge shall cause to be filled *pro tem* the said vacancy.

Executive Council of the Supreme Grand Lodge.

11. The Executive Council of the Supreme Grand Lodge shall enforce the laws of the Order, shall have authority to suspend any Lodge which shall willfully violate or refuse compliance with such laws; shall have power to grant charters for the opening of new Lodges, and dispensations for the higher degrees; appoint District Deputy officers; shall consider and decide all disputes, appeals and points of law raised by Lodges or members thereof, which decision shall be final, subject to the usual right of appeal to the Supreme Grand Lodge; issue cards for travelling brethren; members' certificates (to Sub-lodges), Lodge seals, rituals, books of the Constitution, and other articles necessary in the Order, and record and report the business of the Supreme Grand Lodge; issue a semi-annual report of the financial standing of the Order; transmit an annual travelling password, and, keep a clear and correct account of the receipts and expenditure of the Grand Lodge Funds; shall have power to amalgamate any two or more Lodges, and shall examine and approve of all Lodge by-laws

before becoming law; shall watch over and protect the interests of the Order; and faithfully discharge their respective duties, and on leaving office shall hand over to their successors all moneys, books, papers, documents, vouchers, seals and all matters and things relating, pertaining or belonging to their respective offices, or in connection with or pertaining to the Order, in their or either of their custody, possession or power. They shall hav power at any time to examine and audit the books and accounts of any Lodge.

Business of the Supreme Grand Lodge.

12. That all business to be brought before the Supreme Grand Lodge, shall be entered and arranged on paper by the Executive Council—propositions by themselves—and be taken in the order entered. No subject shall be entertained of which notice has not been forwarded to the Executive Council and entered on the list above referred to, except the usual routine business. All notices of motions and proposed alterations and amendments to the Constitution shall be sent to the Executive Council on or before the first day of December, that the same may be printed and forwarded to the respective Lodges for their consideration prior to the Supreme Grand Lodge meeting. The exact wording of amendments, alterations and additions only shall be printed in the sessional papers. Direct repetitions shall be omitted.

Revenue of the Supreme Grand Lodge.

13. The revenue of the Supreme Grand Lodge shall be derived from capitation tax, dispensations, Lodge seals, members' certificates, travelling cards, books of the Constitution, Regalia, and all articles necessary for use in the Order, at a profit of not more than ten per cent.

Election of Supreme Grand Lodge Officers.

14. Supreme Grand Lodge officers shall be elected annually at the annual meeting—and shall be eligible for re-election. Said election shall be the first order of business on the second day of the session. All officers shall be elected by ballot excepting the Supreme Grand Chaplain, who shall be appointed annually by the Supreme Grand President. The majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to a choice. In case of a tie the voting shall continue until a choice is made. The name of the brother receiving the lowest number of votes at each ballotting shall be withdrawn.

15. All nominations shall be made by the Supreme Grand Lodge from members present.

16. All delegates to the Supreme Grand Lodge are eligible for the office of Supreme Grand President. With the exception of the Supreme Grand President and Supreme Grand Secretary, all other Supreme Grand Lodge officers may hold office in Subordinate Lodges.

DUTIES AND POWERS OF SUPREME GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Supreme Grand President.

17. The Supreme Grand President shall preside at all meetings of the Supreme Grand Lodge, decide all questions of order, subject, however, to an appeal to the Supreme Grand Lodge; shall have no vote except when votes are equal, in which case he shall have a casting vote, save in the election of officers; he shall fill (*pro tem.*) vacancies caused by the absence of regular officers, sign all orders on the Supreme Grand Treasurer, and all official documents requiring his signature; choose and transmit, or cause to be transmitted in cypher, to the respective Lodges, the half yearly pass-word; he shall be an ex-officio member of all the committees of the Supreme Grand Lodge; he shall have power to call emergency meetings of the Supreme Grand Lodge whenever he may deem it necessary; he shall visit the Sub-lodges from time to time, so as to promote the due observance of the Constitution; shall be personally responsible for the proper execution of the bonds required to be given by the Executive officers, and for all monies received by them until such bonds are duly signed and in his possession; he shall neither move nor second a resolution, but impartially put all resolutions to the meeting and declare the result, which decision shall be final. In the absence of the Supreme Grand President from the Supreme Grand Lodge, the Supreme Grand Vice-President shall occupy

the chair, and if both be absent the meeting shall appoint some member to that position.

Supreme Grand Vice-President.

18. The Supreme Grand Vice-President shall be the assistant of the Supreme Grand President. He shall assist in maintaining order in the Supreme Grand Lodge assist in opening and closing ceremonies; receive the name of any person seeking admittance, and instruct the Grand Inner Guard accordingly. He shall examine all ballots and report the same to the Supreme Grand President. In the absence of the Supreme Grand President he shall preside over the Grand Lodge, or any meetings of the Executive. In case of the removal, deuth or resignation or inability from any cause, of the Supreme Grand President to perform his duties, the powers and duties of the said office shall devolve on the Supreme Grand Vice-President until the next session of the Supreme Grand Lodge, when the vacancy shall be filled in such manner as is provided in this Constitution.

Supreme Grand Secretary.

19. The Supreme Grand Secretary shall attend personally every meeting of the Supreme Grand Lodge, and when necessarily absent, shall transmit the books and records thercof; shall keep a just and true record of all proceedings of the Supreme Grand Lodge; shall preserve all books and papers, and file all documents appertaining to his office; conduct all correspondence; answer all

communications; call all meetings when ordered so to do by the Supreme Grand President; take charge of all books, documents, and the Supreme Grand Lodge Seal; sign all orders on the Supreme Grand Treasurer; shall require from all Sub-lodge Secretaries a financial return of the assets and liabilities of each Lodge, quarterly; the number of members on the books, with their position on them with the official return to the Supreme Grand Lodge, properly attested and filled in; shall report to the Supreme Grand Lodge the standing of the Order at the close of the financial year; pay over immediately to the Supreme Grand Treasurer all monies received by him on account of the Supreme Grand Lodge; shall receive all documents relative to the Grand Lodge, and submit the same to the Grand Lodge when in session; prepare all charters and dispensations granted by the Grand Lodge or the executive; affix the Grand Lodge Seal when required; perform all the duties of the Supreme Grand Treasurer in his absence; make out all accounts and collect all dues, fees and charges from Sub-lodges; notify Sub-lodges quarterly of all rejections and expulsions of members; shall issue a semi-annual return of the financial standing of the Supreme Grand Lodge and the numerical standing of each Subordinate Lodge; shall keep a record of all suspended members and attend to all other business not herein enumerated, and coming properly within his duty; shall have his books properly balanced and closed by the first day of February in each year, and shall receive for his services such salary as may be agreed upon

at each annual session ; shall give a bond to the Supreme Grand Lodge in the sum of $300, with two sureties for the faithful discharge of his duties ; shall insert in the Annual Report of the Supreme Grand Lodge the name, age, birthplace, date of death, cause of death, and Lodge, of all members who shall have died during the previous year.

Supreme Grand Treasurer.

20. The Supreme Grand Treasurer shall receive and give a receipt for all monies received from the Supreme Grand Lodge, and deposit the same in a separate banking account in some chartered banking institution (within one week at furthest after receipt thereof), to be named by the Executive, unless otherwise directed by the Supreme Grand Lodge; shall pay all orders drawn on him by the Supreme Grand President and countersigned by Supreme Grand Secretary, under the Supreme Grand Lodge Seal and none other ; shall keep his accounts in a fair, clear, and legible manner, showing all receipts and particulars of all disbursements. with the amount of both; shall have his accounts closed and properly balanced by the first of February in each year, and submit the same, with all vouchers and other documents, with a report to annual session of the Supreme Grand Lodge, and shall give a bond to the Supreme Grand Lodge, with two sureties, in the sum of $500 for the due and faithful performance of his duties. No money nor papers shall be placed in his hands until such bonds are properly executed

and delivered to the Supreme Grand President; shall place all books, vouchers and papers pertaining to his office at the disposal of the Supreme Grand Lodge or the Executive when required by the Supreme Grand President.

Supreme Grand Chaplain.

21. The Supreme Grand Chaplain shall assist in the opening, closing, and installation ceremonies.

Deputy Grand President.

22. The Right Worthy Deputy Grand President for the district of South Africa shall be appointed by the Supreme Grand Lodge of Canada. He shall have power to institute, form, and open new Lodges in the Red and White Rose Degree, within his said jurisdiction, to initiate new members, and install the officers of the said new Lodges, and to invest them with full power and authority belonging to their respective officers aud shall deliver to them a provisional charter until a proper charter can be obtained from the said Supreme Grand Lodge. All matters and things in dispute in the said district shall be referred to him, and his decision thereon shall be final in relation thereto, until the same shall have been referred to the said Supreme Grand Lodge, and a decision under the seal of the Supreme Grand Lodge of Canada, shall have been received. Lodges under this jurisdiction shall send all correspondence. returns and drafts for remittance or the Supreme Grand Secretary, in duplicate to the said Right Worthy Deputy Grand President, who shall trans-

mit the same forthwith to the Supreme Grand Secretary. District Deputies who may be appointed for the South African districts shall act under the jurisdiction of the Right Worthy Deputy Grand President, who shall have power to suspend said District Deputies for any sufficient cause, such suspension to remain in force until the decision of the said Supreme Grand Lodge shall have been obtained thereon.

Duties of District Deputy Grand Lodge Officers.

23. The District Deputies shall have power to visit Subordinate Lodges and open new Lodges when so ordered; shall superintend the secret and other work, and shall attend to matters pertaining to the general welfare of the Order, under orders from the Supreme Grand President, to whom they shall look for instruction, and shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be imposed upon them. Said officers shall send in their reports to the Executive not later than the 15th of January in each year.

24. Grand Inner Guard shall have charge of the inner entrance to the Grand Lodge Room, and permit none to enter or depart without permission from the Supreme Grand Vice-President. Grand Outer Guard shall attend the outside door of the Grand Lodge room, report the names of all comers, and if they have the current password, to the Grand Inner Guard.

25. Supreme Grand Auditors shall carefully audit the

accounts of the Suprem Grand Lodge and report the same in writing.

26. Supreme Grand Trustees shall take charge of all securities, and invest all monies entrusted to their care for the benefit of the Order, under the direction of the Supreme Grand Lodge.

General Laws of the Supreme Grand Lodge.

27. Any officer or delegate refusing to abide by the decision of the Supreme Grand President, shall be fined fifty cents for the first offence, and for the second one dollar; for the third offence he shall not be allowed to sit in the Supreme Grand Lodge during that session, and shall be reported to his Subordinate Lodge.

28. All delegates to the Grand Lodge shall be White Rose Degree members, have filled some executive office in a Subordinate Lodge, and be clear of all dues and other charges on their Lodge Books.

29. The Supreme Grand Lodge shall have power, should it appear to them advisable, from the returns and information in their possession, to amaigamate any two Lodges; always provided, that the majority of members in each Lodge are willing to be so amalgamated.

30. The financial year of the Supreme Grand Lodge shall close on the first day of February in each year.

31. The Supreme Grand President shall on receipt of

requisition from one-third of the Subordinate Lodges, signed by the President and Secretary of each Lodge under the seals of said Lodges, call a meeting of the Supreme Grand Lodge in accordance with such requisition.

32. Executive Supreme Grand Lodge officers and delegates shall be allowed $2.00 per day and their actual travelling expenses whilst in attendance at Supreme Grand Lodge.

33. Executive Supreme Grand Lodge officers shall be paid by the Supreme Grand Lodge, and delegates by their respective Subordinate Lodges

34. Supreme Grand Lodge officers appointed to open new Lodges shall receive $2.50 per day and actual travelling expenses, to be paid by Supreme Grand Lodge.

35. The Grand Supreme President shall from time to time visit Subordinate Lodges; his actual travelling expenses and $2 00 per day shall be paid by the Supreme Grand Lodge. Should he deem it necessary, other Supreme Grand Lodge officers may accompany him, whose actual travelling expenses only shall be paid by the Supreme Grand Lodge.

36. In case any Subordinate Lodge shall request the official attendance of any Supreme Grand Lodge officers, then the expenses of such visit shall be paid by such Subordinate Lodge, at the above rates.

37. When practical, official visits shall be made not

less than once a year. and not neeessarily more than once a year. unless in case of emergency ; but this restriction only refers to Lodges where expenses would be incurred.

38. The Supreme Grand Lodge shall guarantee the bonds of officers of Subordinate Lodges ; each Sub-lodge shall be charged one-half per cent. per annum on the amount of the guarantee payable when the bonds are issued.

39. The Supreme Grand Lodge Executive shall have power to re-arrange the districts and appoint a sufficient number of District Deputies to extend the Order in such places as they deem advisable.

40. The Supreme Grand Lodge Executive shall have power to decide on all matters arising. not laid down in, or provided for in the Constitution, subject to the usual right of Appeal.

Constitution and Powers of Subordinate Lodges.

41. That each Subordinate Lodge shall be held by virtue of a Charter granted by the Supreme Grand Lodge, or the Supreme Grand Executive, and shall be constituted duly initiated members of the Order ; shall elect its own officers, whose titles shall be—Worthy President, Worthy Past President, Worthy Vice-President, Worthy Recording Secretary and Worthy Financial Secretary, and Worthy Treasurer, Worthy Chaplain, Managing Committee, Inner Guard. Outer Guard, who shall constitute the Executive Officers ; Surgeon, Auditors, Trustees and

Grand Lodge Delegates, provided always that where necessity requires the Recording Secretary may also discharge the duties of Financial Secretary. They Shall watch over and protect the interests of the Lodge, and faithfully discharge their respective duties; and on leaving office, shall hand over to their successors all monies, books, papers, documents, vouchers, seals, and all matters and things relating, pertaining or belonging to their respective offices, or in connection with or pertaining to the Lodge or Order in their or either of their custody, possession or power.

42. Each Lodge shall have power to make rules for its own government; provided such rules are in accordance with the General laws of the Order, and have been sanctioned by the Executive of the Supreme Grand Lodge; shall have power to control its own funds in accordance with the Constitution; shall contribute to the support of the Supreme Grand Lodge as hereinafter provided, and shall become incorporated as soon as practicable after formation; shall have its own seal with name and number thereon.

Formation of Subordinate Lodges.

43. Should any body of Englishmen, consisting of twelve or more persons, desire to constitute themselves members of this Order, and be desirous of founding a new Lodge, they shall communicate with the Supreme Grand Secretary of their intention, and shall procure a certificate of good health from a duly qualified surgeon; and on re-

ceipt of the same, with the proposition money of fifty cents each person, the Supreme Grand Secretary shall apprise the Supreme Grand President thereof, who shall appoint a time for completing the formation and opening of a new lodge, when they shall be initiated by some Grand Lodge Executive Officer appointed for that purpose, who shall deliver the Charter. Said Charter shall designate the locality in which such lodge shall be held, and upon the change of such locality the Supreme Executive shall be notified and consent thereto. The White Rose Degree may be conferred upon the Executive Officers on the night of opening of new Lodge. All Charter members shall be received into the Order upon the scale of payments as laid down in clause 85, providing they have not previously belonged to the Order. New members shall be received upon the scale of Charter Members, provided they join within one month from date of opening of Lodge.

44. Eight Members in good standing in any Subordinate Lodge who desire to constitute a new Lodge may apply for a Charter to the Supreme Grand Lodge Executive, after having received authority from the Subordinate Lodge to which they belong to do so; Subordinate Lodges shall not refuse their sanction to such application without showing just cause to the Supreme Grand Lodge or Executive, who shall determine the matter. All monies received at the formation of Lodges shall be credited to the Lodge.

Forfeiture of Charter.

45. Any Subordinate Lodge violating any part of this Constitution, or the orders of the Supreme Grand Lodge, or failing to make the returns or pay the dues required by this Constitution for twelve months, shall become liable to the forfeiture of its Charter, which may thereupon be recalled by the Supreme Grand President or by vote of the Supreme Grand Lodge in session.

46. Any Subordinate Lodge failing to meet for six consecutive months, shall thereby become extinct, and it shall be the duty of the officers last installed to transmit to the Supreme Grand Lodge or Executive the Charter, books, funds and other property of Said Lodge.

47. The funds and property of Subordinate Lodges are, by the provisions of their Charters and the laws of the Order, held only in trust, for the purposes laid down in the Constitution, and must be applied solely for such purposes. Donating them for other than such purposes, or in any manner dividing them among the members individually, is a violation of such trust and the law, the penalty for which is expulsion; and if a Subordinate Lodge shall fail from any cause to work, all monies and properties, together with the Charter, shall be surrendered to the Grand Lodge, to be held in trust and applied as hereinafter provided. The Grand Lodge shall take the members of the defunct Lodge under their protection with the same privileges as previously held by them, until such time as they can join some other Lodge of the Order.

48. Upon the suspension or expulsion of a Lodge, or surrender or forfeiture of its Charter, it shall be the duty of the last installed officers and members having the custody of the Charter, books, papers, properties and funds of the Lodge, to assign, transfer and deliver the same on demand, to the Grand President. Any officer or member having such properties in custody, refusing such demand, shall be forever excluded from membership in this Order, notwithstanding such Lodge should afterwards be restored to good standing.

49. All effects or funds received by the Grand Lodge from any Subordinate or Degree Lodge, under the preceding clauses, shall be kept separate and apart from the property and funds of the Grand Lodge; and such funds shall not be estimated as part of the assets of the Grand Lodge, but shall be held in trust for the benefit of the members of the Lodge until disposed of.

First, in the case of suspended Lodges—if the Charter is not restored at the time of the expiration of their suspension, the Grand President shall order an equal distribution of the Lodge Funds and property to every member, who was in good standing in the books at the time of their suspension, after deducting any claims that the Grand Lodge may be justly entitled to.

Secondly, in the case of forfeiture or expelled Lodges—the Grand President shall at once order an equal distribution of the Lodge funds and property to every mem-

ber who was good on the books at the time of their forfeiture or expulsion, after deducting any claims that the Grand Lodge may be justly entitled to.

50. Members of extinct Lodges. clear on the books at the time of its dissolution, and who have paid to the Grand Secretary all arrears then due, may, upon application to the Grand Secretary, receive a clearance card under the seal of the Grand Lodge, which shall have all the force of a withdrawal card regularly granted, provided always that the Grand President and Grand Secretary shall be satisfied that the applicant was not implicated in the breaking up of the Lodge, or in the illegal distribution or use of the funds of the same.

51. Upon the application to the Grand Lodge of eight or more members of a defunct Lodge, for the restoration of such Lodge, such applicants as the Grand Lodge may approve may be restored to membership in said lodge, together, with the Charter funds and effects belonging to said Lodge at the time of its extinction, unless such effects shall have been disposed of as hereinbefore provided for.

Membership

52. Subordinate Lodges shall consist of not less than eight members, and shall hold stated meetings at least twice in each month; not less than seven members shall constitute a quorom for the transaction of business; if only seven financial members be present no appropria-

tion of money shall be made unless by unanimous consent. All candidates for membership must be initiated within three months after being elected, or their proposition money shall be forfeited, and they must be re-proposed.

53. Should any member of this Order knowingly make false statements for the purpose of getting a candidate initiated or rejected, he shall be liable to fine, suspension or expulsion as the Arbitration Committee may determine.

54. Every Lodge of this Order shall keep a Black Book, in which the names of all rejected candidates and expelled members shall be entered.

55. No candidate who has been rejected by any Lodge shall again be proposed for membership until the expiration of Six months after such rejection. No person who has been expelled from the Order shall be eligible for re-election without the consent in writing of the Grand President.

56. Any Lodge knowingly admitting any rejected candidate or expelled member, except as aforesaid, shall be liable to have its Charter withdrawn by the Grand President.

57. Any person who has previously belonged to the Order or rejected applicant applying for admission into any Lodge, it shall be the duty of such Lodge to communicate with the Lodge of which he was a member or

applicant, and procure such information as the Lodge is able to give. Members expelled for non-payment of dues shall be eligible for re-admission provided they are of good character and have complied with the Constitution.

58. No member shall on any consideratinn be a financial member of more than one Subordinate Lodge. They may be honorary members, not receiving any benefits. Where practicable Lodge Surgeons should be members of the Order. They may be honorary members.

59. Every proposition for membership must be submitted in writing on a printed form, accompanied with a proposition fee of fifty cents by a member of the Lodge, supported by a reference to at least one other member of the Order, and shall state the name, occupation, residence, religion, wife's religion, nationality of father or grandfather, and place of birth of proposed candidate, and if he has ever been a member of this Order, or was ever proposed or rejected, and if so, where, and shall be signed by the proposed candidate and certified by him to be true. The proposition so made shall be read to the Lodge by the Secretary, and shall then be referred to the Managing Committee, one or more shall report at the next meeting ot the Lodge ; the result of such investigation shall be endorsed on the proposition paper, when a vote by ballot shall be taken on the proposition after the presentation of the report. If three or more black balls be found the candidate shall be rejected ; when two for more candidates have to be ballotted for, it shall be

optional with the President to take the ballot for all at the same time ; but in case the necessary number of black balls for rejection of a candidate appear, then the ballot shall be taken singly for each candidate.

60 Every candidate before being ballotted for as a financial member shall produce a certificate of good health from the Surgeon of the Lodge he wishes to join.

61. Any member desiring to resign his membership in this Order shall notify the Secretary in writing to that effect, and after paying all dues, shall receive a certificate of resignation to the effect that he was in good standing in his Lodge at the date of isaue. For such certificate he shall pay the sum of fifty cents. Any member so resigning, and afterwards being desirous of rejoining the Order, must be re-proposed, pay the necessary initiation fee and serve the usual probation.

62. Should any member desire to draw his clearance from one Lodge for the purpose of joining another he shall notify the Secretary, in writing, to that effect, who shall bring the application before the Lodge, and, if granted, the Secretary shall, free of charge, make out such clearance. The said member must produce such clearance within one month from date of issue, together with a certificate, of good health from the Surgeon of the lodge he wishes to join, and pay the sum of fifty cents on deposit of same, together with all dues and contributions that may have accrued from date of his clear-

ance. Such clearance to be accepted by ballot as in the case of new members.

63. Should a clearance be refused to a member, the Executive of the Grand Lodge shall have power to grant such clearance, on the application of a Lodge willing to admit the member, provided the Lodge to which the member belongs, fails in producing satisfactory reasons why the clearance is refused. Any Lodge neglecting to forward their reasons for refusing a clearance within one month from the same being applied for by the Executive of the Grand Lodge shall be fined two dollars.

64. Should any Lodge refuse to accept the clearance of a member, he shall be allowed the space of one month from the time of such refusal to return the same to his own Lodge, which Lodge shall be bound to receive the same, and shall charge the member with all contributions and fees that may be due from the date of clearance, together with the sum of fifty cents on the return of the said clearance. And said Lodge shall be responsible to to said member for all benefits due to him until he joins another Lodge or returns his clearance to his own Lodge; but under no circumstances shall the times above stated be exceeded. All certificates of resignation and clearance shall be signed by the President and Secretary of the Lodge, and stamped with a Lodge Seal, or they shall not be legal. Snould a member, after withdrawing his clearance and depositing the same in another Lodge, require, and be eligible, according to this Constitution to receive

benefits, the Lodge he has joined shall pay the same. His former Lodge shall be responsible for, and pay to his new Lodge, half such benefits until the expiration of twelve months from the date of his clearance. The Secretary of new Lodge shall notify the Secretary of former Lodge when the brother has declared on the sick fund.

65. All Lodges shall have power to admit honorary members, and such members shall be entitled to vote on all matters except financial business. Said honorary members shall be subject to suspension and expulsion for non-payment of dues as in the case of financial members. Honorary members desiring to become financial members may do so on production of the Lodge Surgeon's certificate of good health, and by paying the initiation fee which would be paid by a candidate joining the Society, of the same age as the said honorary member at the time of his making application for the change, less the amount paid by him on first joining the Order. Any member who shall take up his residence in any foreign country outside Her Majesty's Dominions shall after a space ot twelve months notify his Lodge from time to time that he contiues a British subject and intends continuing as such and has not taken any oath of allegiance to any foreign power, or intends to do so. The moment he takes an oath of allegiance to a foreign power he shall become an expelled member.

66. Any financial member desiring to become an honorary member may do so on payment in full of all

dues to date of application, and of fee for honorary membership.

Election of Subordinate Lodge Officers.

67. All executive officers shall be elected for twelve months, and should any office become vacant, the nomination and election of a member to fill the vacant office may be made same night, for the remaining portion of the term. All executive officers shall be elected by ballot. The majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to a choice. In case of a tie the voting shall continue until a choice is made. The name of the brother receiving the lowest number of votes at such ballotting shall be withdrawn. This clause shall apply to the Order generally, except the Managing Committee. Then those receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected. Officers of Subordinate Lodges and delegates to the Supreme Grand Lodge shall be nominated and elected on the first regular meeting in December; this shall also be quarterly night for December. All elections for executive officers and delegates shall be by ballot. All other officers may be elected by show of hands. The installation of officers shall take place the first meeting night in the new year.

68. No member shall be eligible to hold any executive office in a Subordinate Lodge unless he has taken the White Rose Degree. Members may be nominated and elected to office previous to having taken the White Rose

Degree, but shall not be installed until they are members thereof ; but no member shall be nominated for President or Secretary unless he has the White Rose Degree, and has filled some executive office in the Lodge.

69. Members not wishing to hold office must decline to do so when nominated, and no member shall be nominated unless he is present, unless he shall have previously notified in writing the President or Secretary of his intention to serve if elected. Members allowing themselves to be nominated to office and then declining shall be fined fifty cents. Absence from the Lodge room at the election shall not be any plea for remitting the fine. No member shall hold office who owes more than three months dues.

70. All honorary members shall be eligible for the office of Chaplain, and for the higher degree.

71. All executive officers shall be in their places at the time agreed on for opening of the Lodge, or be fined twenty-five cents, unless they send a written apology to the Secretary, but only four such apologies shall be received during their term of office, or the office shall be declared vacant. Subordinate Lodges, when first formed, can elect their executive officers for the first term. irrespective of their having attained the second degree.

72. Members may be nominated for more than one office ; but shall not be eligible to hold more than one executive office. Executive officers of Lodges shall not

hold non-executive offices except those of Surgeon and Grand Lodge delegate.

Duties of Subordinate Lodge Officers.

73. WORTHY PRESIDENT.—The President shall preside in the Lodge, enforce a due observance of the Society's Constitution and By-laws, and a proper respect for the Grand Lodge; see that the Lodge officers and members of committee perform their respective duties; cause to be summoned special meetings when he may deem it necessary or required by a vote of the Lodge; but a week's notice must be given by the Worthy President, stating the object for which the special meeting is called and only such business as therein specified shall be transacted at such meeting; to declare the result of all ballots for the initiation of candidates; sign all orders for the payment of monies; open and close the Lodge at the appointed time; he shall be an *ex officio* member of all committees; he shall have no vote by ballot or otherwise, unless there be a tie; then he shall have the casting vote; he shall neither move nor second a resolution, but shall put the same (if not in conflict with the Constitution or By-Law,) to the meeting; he shall be personally responsible for the rituals, and for the proper execution of the bonds required to be given by officers of the Lodge, and for all monies received by them, until such bonds are duly signed and in his possession. If any error or mistake be discovered in the ballot, he shall have the right to call for fresh ballot at the time.

74. WORTHY PAST PRESIDENT.—The Worthy Past President shall assist in the Ritualistic Work of the Lodge, and perform such other services as may be delegated to him by the Worthy President.

75. WORTHY VICE PRESIDENT.—The Vice President shall assist the President in maintaining order; examine the ballot-box, and declare the result to the President; assist in the initation of candidates, and in opening and closing the Lodge; receive the name of any person wishing admittance and instruct the Inner Guard accordingly; see that proper respect is paid to the Society's officers, and shall visit in conjunction with the Managing Committee, all members six months or more in arrears; shall in the absence of the President, preside over the Lodge, and perform such other duties as are hereinafter set forth in General Laws.

76. WORTHY SECRETARY.—The Secretary shall take a correct minute of all that is done at the Lodge meetings; take charge of all Lodge books and the Lodge seal; make the necessary report to the Grand Secretary as set forth in the quarterly return sheet; conduct all Lodge correspondence; notify all members previous to quarterly meeting night of their indebtedness to the Lodge; provide the Lodge Surgeon with a return after every quarterly meeting of those members eligible for his attendance; see that no member receives any benefit who is not entitled to it; and from time to time notify the Lodge Surgeon of the names and addresses of the Managing Committee;

summon all extra meetings of the Lodge when ordered by the President ; sign all orders for payment of monies ; examine the Black Book in reference to the admission of candidates, and see that the general law in relation thereto is complied with ; make a semi-annual report to the Lodge of its standing and welfare ; shall, after each quarterly night, prepare a list of members, with addresses, six months or more in arrears, and hand same to the Vice-President ; shall upon receipt of a notice from a brother declaring on the sick fund of a Lodge, at once notify the first Managing Committee-man and two members residing nearest the sick member's residence, to visit him ; notify the Grand Secretary of the rejection and expulsion of all candidates and members from his Lodge, within seven days after the same shall occur ; inform all candidates of their rejection—provided their prosper declines to do so—and of their acceptance if elected ; have his books ready for the Auditors' inspection within seven days after quarterly meeting night, attend the Auditors with the same ; shall forward to the Grand Secretary with each quarterly report the name, age, birth place, date of death, and cause of death of any brother who may have died during the quarter, for insertion in the Annual Report of the Grand Lodge ; and perform any duty pertaining to his office not provided for by this Constitution ; and shall give a bond to the Lodge with one surety in the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars for the faithful performance of his duties, and for his services shall receive such remuneration as may be agreed upon by the Lodge.

77. WORTHY TREASURER.—The Treasurer shall receive from, and give a receipt to the Secretary for all monies collected; after every meeting, deposit in a separate banking account all sums over $50 in some Chartered Banking Institution or Post Office Savings Bank, to be named by the Lodge, in the names of the Lodge Trustees; shall be responsible for the safe keeping of the bank book; pay all orders when properly signed and stamped with the Lodge Seal; receive from the Trustees all monies when withdrawn from the Bank; shall attend and produce his books and vouchers when required by the Auditors; shall give a bond to the Lodge with one surety, in the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars for the faithful performance of his duty.

78. WORTHY CHAPLAIN—He shall assist the President in opening and closing the Lodge, in initiating candidates, and at the burial of any deceased member.

79. MANAGING COMMITTEE.—Each Lodge shall have six Managing Committee-men who shall inquire into the character of proposed candidates. and ascertain if they have ever been members of this Order, or ever were proposed in a Lodge, and report at the next meeting of the Lodge; look after the welfare of the sick and of those receiving benefits; receive from the Treasurer the sick benefits. and give a receipt for the same; hand them over to those for whom they are granted, and return to the Treasurer the receipts of the recipients; report on every meeting night the condition of those receiving sick

benefits, and be responsible for the proper visitation of sick members, either by themselves or qualified members of the Lodge. In cases of infectious diseases, they shall, with the consent of the President, be empowered to engage the services of a nurse to attend to the same, and such engagement shall be binding on the Lodge. shall conduct all candidates for initiation into the Lodge room, assist at the opening and closing ceremonies. and be responsible for the safe keeping of the Lodge regalia, and shall assist the Vice-President in visiting members in arrears.

80. INNER GUARD.—The Inner Guard shall attend the door on the inside, report the names of all comers to the Vice-President, and carry out his instructions.

81. OUTER GUARD.—The Outer Guard shall attend the door on the outside, receive the name and pass-word from all comers, report the same to the Inner Guard, prevent the intrusion of all improper or disorderly characters, and under no pretense whatever, be on duty without wearing his regalia

82. SURGEON.—The Surgeon shall be elected annually at the annual election of officers, and continue in office during the pleasure of the Lodge; shall examine all candidates for full membership, sign their certificates of health, and forward same to the Lodge Secretary; shall attend all sick members eligible for his services, and provide them with proper medicine; shall attend all members within a distance of three miles from the Lodge room, at

the regular allowance, and be allowed mileage, as agreed upon by the Lodge, to within the distance of five miles ; members beyond that distance shall have no claim on his attendance ; shall send in his book to the Secretary after every quarterly meeting to be revised, and for his services shall receive, annually, such sum as the Lodge may decide, payable quarterly, for every financial member who is not six months in arrears, and resides within the prescribed limits ; which shall be the full equivalent for his services ; should the Surgeon at any time be absent without providing a duly qualified surgeon to perform his duties to the Lodge, such sum as shall be paid for the services of another surgeon shall be deducted from the Lodge Surgeon's stipend.

83. LODGE TRUSTEES.—Each Lodge shall have two or more Trustees, who shall draw out all monies from the bank, when ordered to do so by the Lodge, and on receipt of an order, signed by the President and Secretary, and stamped with the Lodge seal ; and hand such monies to the Treasurer, and take his receipt for the same, and attend the Auditors when required. Each Trustee shall give a bond to the Lodge, with one surety in a sum to be agreed upon by each Lodge, for the faithful performance of his duty.

84. AUDITORS.—There shall be three Auditors—two to form a quorum—who shall carefully audit the Lodge books within ten days after each quarterly meeting, and sign the same if correct ; they shall be furnished by the Lodge officers with all books, documents and papers per-

taining to the Lodge. They shall report to the Lodge the first meeting after quarterly night ; where practicable the audit shall be held at the Lodge room. They shall certify to the number of members entitled to to the services of the Lodge Surgeon.

Fees and Contributions.

85. The Initiation Fees into this Grder shall be paid in every case before the candidate is initiated, less 50 cents paid on application. All candidates shall pay according to the under mentioned graduated scale (Charter members excepted), should they desire to join as full members.

18 to 30 years	.....	$ 3 00
30 to 45 "	.....	4 00
45 to 50 "	.....	7 00
50 to 55 "	.....	10 00
55 to 60 "	.....	15 00

Charter members' initiation fees shall be three dollars, (should they join the first night of opening new Lodge.) Weekly subscriptions the same as in clause 86 for full members.

86. The subscriptions of full members shall be according to the following scale :—

18 to 30 years	.....	per	week	10c.
30 to 45 "	.....	"	"	13c
45 to 50 "	.....	"	"	15c.
50 to 55 "	.....	"	"	20c.
55 to 60 "	.....	"	"	25c.

The above rates apply to the ages of candidates at their initiation.

87. Members on taking second degree, shall pay a sum of $2.00.

88. The fee for honorary members shall be $2.00 annually, payable in advance. Honorary members paying $15.00 at their initiation, shall be life members, and no further fee shall be demanded from them.

89. Honorary members, paying an admission fee of $5.00 and $1.00 per quarter, shall be entitled to vote on all matters, receive Doctor's attendance and medicine, but shall not be entitled to sick pay nor funeral allowance, but shall be entitled to hold any office, except President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Grand Lodge Delegate.

90. Members shall be entitled to $3 per week sick allowence from date of Doctor's certificate, for a space of thirteen weeks, and a sum of $1.50 per week for the next twenty-six weeks; $30 on the decease of his wife; $7 on the death of any of his children between the ages of five and fifteen years; $100 on the death of a member; members in good standing shall be entitled, in case of death, to half the above named sum of $100 after the expiration of six months from their initiation, which shall be paid to his mominee or executors. Also half sick benefits at the expiration of six months. If a deceased brother, leaves no nominee or executors the Lodge to which he belonged

shall undertake his funeral. All sick benefits shall be paid by the Subordinate Lodges. Funeral benefits shall be paid by the Supreme Grand Lodge. All claims on the Supreme Grand Lodge Funeral Fund shall be accompanied with certificate of death, said certificate shall be signed by the President and Secretary, and stamped with the Lodge seal, certifying to the deceased member's financial standing. One dollar per year shall be paid by the respective Lodges for each member returned as in good financial standing on the quarterly report to the Supreme Grand Lodge. The said sum shall be paid in quarterly instalments. A registration fee of fifty cents shall be paid by the respective Lodges for each new member returned to the Supreme Grand Lodge—which sum shall be applied to the funeral fund. New Lodges shall be exempt from paying the Registration Fee of fifty cents for Charter members, but shall pay the usual assessment fees with the Quarterly returns, Lodges neglecting to pay the usual Funeral Levies within one month after Quarter Night shall forfeit their claims to the Funeral Benefit Fund. But in case the sums named be not sufficient for the purposes required, then the Executive of the Supreme Grand Lodge shall have power to make a levy or levies on the membership of each Lodge, of not more than 10 cents each to meet the deficiency. Members declaring off the funds must produce to the Secretary within one week the Lodge Surgeon's certificate. Any member who has received either full or half sick pay and declares off the Lodge funds, shall not be entitled to

recommence the receipt of full pay until he has been able to resume and has continued his business or occupation for six months, but if he fall sick within the said six months he shall be placed in the same position as when he ceased to receive sick pay and shall be paid the same allowance which he was then receiving. Every member shall be entitled to medical attendance and medicine immediately on joining the Order. No member shall be entitled to any benefits for less than one week excepting after the first week. Any member remaining sick after receiving the full amount of sick pay allowed by this Constitution may be superannuated and may then receive $1 per week so long as he remains sick, and shall be exempt from all dues while receiving such benefit. If a superannuated member should recover, he shall after six months (provided he produces the Lodge Surgeon's certificate of good health) be entitled to full benefit, but if he fall sick within the said six months he shall again be placed on the superannuated list.

91. Members shall not be entitled to receive benefits from the Order who are more than six months in arrears, nor for the space of one month after such arrears are paid. Providing a Brother falls sick after he is six months in arrears he shall not be entitled to any benefits during the said sickness.

92. Members falling sick shall, within one week, from date of commencement of such sickness, report to the Secretary of their Lodge. Members shall be entitled to

sick pay from the date of the Doctor's certificate ; but in no case shall any member be allowed sick dues for more than one week previous to such notification to the Secretary, unless by vote of the Lodge. No member shall be entitled to sick dues whose sickness arises from improper conduct. No member, whilst receiving sick pay, shall be allowed to do any work nor be out of doors after 9 o'clock, p. m., in the summer, and 6 o'clock, p. m , in the winter unless authorized by the Lodge Suegeon, any member so doing shall forfeit his sick dues for that week.

93. Members residing at a distance from their own Lodge may apply to the nearest Lodge to them for their sick dues, and desiring to be placed on the Doctor's List, shall, after passing examination and paying the usual Lodge surgeon fees, be entitled to medical attendance and medicine ; provided also that the said member shall immediately upon such examination register with the said Lodge Secretary, who shall thereupon place said member on the Surgeon's List. Providing the Lodge to which they apply is satisfied that their medical certificate is correct, they shall pay the sick dues of the Brother, and at once refer the matter to the President of the sick brother's Lodge, who shall refund to the Lodge so paying the amount of such sick dues within three months.

94. Provided a member shall be out of the jurisdiction of the Surgeon of his own Lodge, and not near a Lodge of the Order, and falls sick, he shall procure the certificate of a duly qualified medical practitioner, and forward the

same to his Lodge Secretary before he shall be entitled to sick dues. It shall be optional for members residing out of the jurisdiction of the Lodge Surgeon to pay Lodge Doctor's fees.

95. Members residing at a distance from their Lodge can remit their subscriptions to the Secretary of the Lodge by post. When a member goes to reside in a place where a Lodge is held, he shall be allowed to pay his contributions into said Lodge, which shall be forwarded to the Secretary of his Lodge quarterly.

96. Should any member in good standing die, leaving children, and such children be without any competent relatives willing and able to provide for them, it shall be the bounden duty of the deceased member's Lodge to interest itself in their behalf, and to bring their case before the Supreme Grand Lodge with a view to have such children properly cared for.

97. Whenever it shall become known that any member of this Order has been reduced to a state of pecuniary hardship by any sudden and unlooked for dispensation, his case shall be referred to the President of the Lodge, whose duty it shall be to examine into the same and report to the Lodge, who shall take immediate action in the matter. All financial members over the age of sixty-five years, who shall have become incapacitated, and shall continue incapacitated for work, and unable to earn a livelihood, and who have paid into their present Lodge

for ten years, shall be relieved of all further contributions for the remainder of their lives.

98. Should a member become in arrears for dues, assessments, or fines, accruing during the space of six months, he shall be notified by his Lodge Secretary. The deposit of a notice in the Post Office, directed to such member, at such place as he is registered on the Lodge Books as residing, shall be deemed and taken as sufficient notice; and if such member shall allow his dues, etc., to remain unpaid so that he become in arrear for twelve months, he shall be placed on the suspension list for twelve months, unless his arrears are paid, together with all dues that may accrue during his suspension; but should such arrears and dues be paid within twelve months from date of suspension and he produces the Doctor's certificate of good health, and his character is reported as satisfactory, the ballot shall be taken, and if satisfactory he shall be re-instated, and after a probation of one month be entitled to benefits, but should he not pay his arrears within the twelve months his name shall be struck off the Lodge Roll.

99. Members so excluded from the Order must be reproposed, and serve another probation of twelve months, should they desire to rejoin but need not be re-initiated. Members failing to pay their subscriptions on quarterly nights shall be fined ten cents.

Capitation Tax.

Subordinate Lodges shall pay capitation tax to the Supreme Grand Lodge at the rate of ten cents per member per quarter for all members not more than six months in arrears. Members joining during the quarter shall be exempt from captitation tax for the current quarter. Lodges may levy members for the capitation tax.

General Laws.

100. Lodge Secretaries shall make quarterly returns to the Supreme Grand Secretary upon a form supplied for that purpose of such information as may be required for the purposes of the Order; such returns, with the capitation tax, and the amount of all Lodge accounts due to Supreme Grand Lodge, shall be forwarded within month after each quarterly night.

101. Should any Lodge fail to make its returns or pay the dues promptly to the Supreme Grand Lodge, as required by this Constitution the Supreme Grand Secretary shall, immediately upon the receipt of such return, enter in the debit of such Lodge a fine of one dollar per month for the time which shall have elapsed since such return should have been made.

102. All monies due from Subordinate Lodges or the Grand Lodge shall be paid only to the Grand Secretary and by post office order.

103. In the absence of the President of a Subordinate

Lodge, the Vice-President shall preside, and if both be absent the Lodge shall elect a member of the Lodge to preside.

104. No member shall be entitled to receive the pass-word except from the President of his Lodge and if he be six months in arrears not at all. This clause shall not apply to candidates at their initiation.

105. Any Brother visiting Lodges shall give his name, the name of his Lodge, and the current pass-word, which shall introduce him to the same. He shall not be entitled to vote, but he may address the Lodge by permission of the President No member shall be admitted without the Pass-word, unless vouched for by two members that he is in good standing.

106. All Past Officers shall be entitled to wear regalia according to their past rank, but members wearing regalia to which they are not entitled shall be fined fifty cents.

107. No member shall be entitled to hold office in a Subordinate Lodge who is over three months in arrears, nor is he entitled to vote if he is over six months in arrears.

108. Each Lodge shall have but one general fund which shall be composed of proposition and initiation fees, weekly contributions, and interest of investments, and shall only be applied for sick dues, funeral benefit fund and general management expenses, to be known as the

general benefit fund. Lodges may provide a special fund or funds which shall be composed of moneys raised by entertainments, concerts, picnics, fines special levies, etc , for any of the benovelent purposes contemplated by the Order, provided always that in the case of every such special fund or funds, the receipts and disbursments on account thereof, shall be kept altogether distinct from the general benefit fund.

109. All Subordinate Lodges shall adhere strictly to the Constitution and rules of Order issued by the Supreme Grand Lodge, also to the By-laws framed by the Lodge in accordance therewith and sanctioned by the Supreme Grand Lodge or Executor, and shall in all cases yield implicit obedience to the regulations that may from time to time be promulgated by the Supreme Grand Lodge.

110. No Subordinate Lodge or member thereof shall enter into any controversy or publish any matter relating to, or affecting the Order, either privately or through the public prints, without the express permission of the Supreme Grand President ; neither shall it be legal for members to collect subscriptions for any purpose in connection with the Order, unless sanctioned by the Lodge they belong to, and also have the written authority signed by the Lodge President and Secretary, and bearing the Lodge seal.

111. Every Lodge shall display its Charter in some conspicuous part of the Lodge Room. Every Subordin-

ate Lodge shall keep a registry book, in accordance with form prescribed by the Grand Lodge, which shall be signed by all members at the time of their initiation. All candidates for membership must be initiated within three months after being elected, or their proposition money shall be forfeited, and they must be re-proposed.

112. The general benefit fund of Subordinate Lodges shall not be used for any purposes other than those expressley set forth in the Constitution and the ligitimate working expenses of the Lodge; and all claims thereon shall be made in writing to the Lodge Secretary.

113. No meeting of any Lodge of this order shall be held in any tavern nor in any building wherein intoxicating liquors are sold.

114. No Lodge document shall be legal unless stamped with the Lodge seal.

115. All Sub-Lodges shall issue travelling cards, supplied to them by the Supreme Grand Lodge or Executive thereof, for a period of not less than one month nor more than twelve months at one time; but can renew them when applied for, according to the aforesaid time.

116. Any brother in good standing shall receive a travelling card when applied for in open Lodge, after having paid all dues and charges for the period of time which the said card is intended to cover upon paying 25c. for the same.

117. Any brother shall be entitled to have his card renewed for a longer period by making application to his Lodge in writing, and sending to the Secretary all dues for the time for which the card is wanted. The aforesaid card shall be a certificate to any Lodge of this Order that the brother is in good standing in his Lodge, and entitled to the amount of sick dues, when eligible, as specified, and according to such certificate, having the seal of the brother's Lodge attached, but not otherwise.

118. Seventy-five per cent. of the funds of a Subordinate Lodge may, by resolution, passed at a special meeting thereof, and carried by a two-third majority, be invested for its benefit in the names of two trustees, in the Capital Stock or Debentures of the Sons of England Hall Company of Ontario (Limited), or debentures or other legal securities.

119. Subordinate Lodges shall furnish each member at his initiation with a contribution card. Members may obtain copies of the Constitution at a cost of ten cents per copy.

120. All new laws and amentments to the Constitution shall come into force immediately after the close of each session of the Supreme Grand Lodge unless otherwise provided for, also on receipt of a copy and notice by each Lodge, from the Supreme Grand Secretary.

Arbitration and Appeals.

121. Every Lodge shall appoint an Arbitration Committee of twelve members who must be members of the

White Rose Degree. Seven shall form a quorum, to whom all charges that cannot be amicably settled shall be referred.

122. Any membr of this Order having any just cause of complaint against another member, and desiring investigation by the Lodge, shall in every case put the same in writing, and lay before the President of the Lodge in which the brother charged is a member; whose duty it shall be to use all reasonable means to secure a settlement of the difficulty; and should he deem it necessary, or the member demand it, he shall bring the case before the Arbitration Committee, who, after fully investigating the matter, shall report their decision in writing to the president.

123. Members of one Lodge shall have the right to bring charges against members of another Lodge, but all charges must be investigated by the Arbitration Committee of the Defendent's Lodge.

124. The President of the Lodge shall preside at the investigation of all charges, act as judge, and award the punishment, according to the Society's Constitution and Lodge By-laws. Provided the President cannot attend, he shall notify the Vice-President to act in his stead; if neither be present, the Arbitration Committee shall elect one of their members to preside, who shall have full power to act in the premises. He shall have power to fine, suspend or expel, as the case may require. The plaintiff and defendant shall each have the right to chal-

lenge any two members of the Arbitration Committee. Such members shall not then act as arbitrators. No brother shall be allowed to act as witness and member of the Arbitration Committee at the same time.

125. Members requiring the services of the Arbitration Committee must deposit the sum of one dollar at the time of handing the charge to the President, which sum will be forfeited if they fail to prove their case, and be returned if they substantiate it.

126. Should any member of the Order be required as a witness before the Arbitration Committe, and refuse to attend, after being properly notified his President shall order his attendance, under the seal of the Lodge, and in default the member shall be fined by his Lodge in a sum not less than $2, nor more than $5.

127. The President shall see that all charges brought before the Arbirtration Committee are conducted in the following manner:—He shall appoint some Brother to attend the door, and permit members to be admitted in the usual way. Strangers who may be required as witnesses shall be vouched for. The President shall at any time if necessary, have power to exclude all witnesses and others from the room. He shall ask, "Are any members of the Arbitration Committee challenged?" He shall afterwards read the charge, and the defendent shall plead guilty or not guilty. The plaintiff and his witness shall then be examined, after which the defendent and his wit-

ness shall be examined. The President and Arbitration Committee shall have power to call for the production of all documents, and examine other witnesses if necessary. The Plaintiff and defendent shall have the right to cross-examine said witnesses. The evidence shall be taken down in writing, read over to and signed by the respective parties giving the same. No hearsay evidence will be admitted, The plaintiff first, and the defendant next shall be at liberty to address the Arbitration Committee, confining themselves to the case in hand. The President shall then address the Arbitration Committee, who shall afterwards retire to consider their verdict.

128. The President on receiving the verdict shall award the punishment, if any.

129. None but parties concerned shall be permitted to make any remarks. If the accused neglects or refuses to appear for trial, after having been duly notified, without presenting a sufficient and acceptable excuse for such neglect or failure to appear, he shall be deemed guilty of contempt and shall be dealt with as the Lodge may direct.

130. A Lodge which may become cognizant of any violation of the principles or Constitution of the Order by any brother, may institute preliminary inquiries through a committee of three. who shall report to the Lodge, and upon sufficient cause shall present charges in due form against such offending brother, and act during a subsequent trial as plaintiff on behalf of the Lodge.

131. Should any Lodge President become chargable under the Constitution, his case shall be referred to the Executive Council of the Supreme Grand Lodge, who shall have power to appoint a suitable committee of three (if convenient, his peers,) who shall investigate any charges, and report the result in writing to the Executive Council of the Supreme Grand Lodge, whose decision shall be final. The procedure and regulations herein before laid down for other trials shall be observed in this case.

132. Members feeling agrieved at the result of the trial shall have the right to appeal to the Executive of the Supreme Grand Lodge, with all papers and evidence that may have been offered for or against, that the Arbitration Committee may have rejected ; but such appeal must be made in writing, or notice given of their intention to appeal, within ten days after the decision, and addressed to the Supreme Grand Secretary. Members appealing shall submit to the decision pending the appeal. Members shall have the right to appeal to the Supreme Grand Lodge when in session, providing ten days notice is given in writing to the Supreme Grand Secretary.

133. That in cases of dispute in any Lodge that has not a sufficient Arbitration Committee or whose Arbitration Committee failed from any cause to settle, or in any case where the desire of such Lodge is expressed by vote, such Lodge may have power to solicit the services of second degree members of other Lodges to act in the

capacity of arbitrators, and that their decision may have the same authority in the settlement of disputes as the Constitutional Arbitration Committees of Lodges.

134. Any Lodge or member thereof shall have the right of appeal from the ruling of the Exeeutive to the next Supreme Grand Lodge, but the decision of the Executive shall be binding until reversed or altered by the Supreme Grand Lodge.

PENALTIES.

135. Every member violating any of the obligations, established principles, laws, rules or regulations of the Order, disclosing the secret transactions of the Lodge, divulging the name of a member who has reported unfavorably on an application, or opposing his becoming a member, feigning himself sick or disabled, practising, aiding or abetting any other misrepresentation, false pretense or fraud, being guilty of habitual drunkenness, embezzling Lodge funds, willfully damaging or destroying Lodge properity, defrauding a brother, domestic unkindness, immoral or criminal conduct of any kind, entering the Lodge in a state of intoxication, using profane or other improper language, wilfully persisting in disturbing the harmonious and peaceful working of the Lodge, or refusing to obey the Presiding Officer, after being twice called to order, maligning the Society, the brethren, or objects thereof, shall be fined, suspended or expelled from the Lodge, as may be determined, in accordance with the laws. rules and regulations.

136. No member shall be expelled from any Lodge except through the action of the Arbitration Committee.

137. Every member is bound faithfully and punctually to attend when summoned by the Lodge, Supreme Grand Lodge, or any of their committees or officers and every member evading the receipt of a notice, neglecting to attend at the time and place specified or to continue his attendance until released, shall be reported to his Lodge, and (unless a valid excuse is given) be fined or suspended for contempt, in accordance with the laws rules and regulations.

138. Loss of good standing, suspension, or expulsion from membership in a Subordinate Lodge shall at once similarly affect the member's standing in Degree Lodges, and reinstatement in Subordinate shall effect reinstatement in the Degree Lodge.

139. Members refusing to abide by the decision of the President shall be fined twenty-five cents in each case; for using improper language or offensive personalities, twenty-five cents; appearing at any meeting inroxicated, one dollar, and for third offence to be expelled from the Order. Officers guilty of these offences shall be fined double the foregoing amounts.

140. Every member on being initiated shall be furnished with a printed copy of the Constitution of the Order. Ignorance of the law shall be no plea for the non-observance of the same, or remission of fines.

141. No member receiving sick benefits from the Society shall be allowed to do any kind of work whatever, nor shall frequent taverns or public houses; and should any member know of any infraction of this law without reporting the same to his Lodge, he shall be fined fifty cents in each case.

142. Members conspiring together for the purpose of preventing a candidate from being admitted into the Order, or degrees thereof, shall, on proof being given, be liable to suspension, or expulsion, as the case may require.

Constitution for the Formation and Government of Degree Lodges.

143. Whenever it may appear to the brethern of any Lodge or Lodges in any city, town or district, that it would be desirable and advance the interests of the Order to establish a Degree Lodge in such place the Supreme Grand Executive shall, on receiving a written application to that effect under the seal of the Lodge, issue a dispensation authorizing the institution of the same. All degree Lodges shall be composed of members in good standing in the Order, and shall be governed by the officers of the first Degree. Except in the case where Lodges amalgamate for degree purposes, when they shall elect their own officers.

144. No member shall take the degree unless he has been three months in the Order and produces a certificate properly signed by his Lodge President and Secretary,

and stamped with the Lodge seal, stating that he has paid all his Lodge dues in full up to date, and is recommended as a fit and proper person to take the degree.

145. Members belonging to Sub-lodges not three months in existence shall be allowed to take the degree in less than the stipulated time, under the following circumstances:—To hold executive office in a Sub-lodge, the opening of a new Lodge, or any other justifiable cause, provided he shall produce a dispensation from the Executive of the Supreme Grand Lodge. All Degree Lodges shall have power to confer the second Degree, providing the candidate is duly ballotted for by the members of his own Lodge, and produces a certificate signed by the President and Secretary of his Lodge, with the Lodge Seal attached.

146. Degree meetings shall be held once a quarter or oftenor if desirable. Any Degree Lodge not holding a meeting once in three months shall pay a fine of $5 to the General Fund of the Supreme Grand Lodge; the Secretary to report all degree meetinge to the Supreme Grand Secretary on his quarterly report. Officers of Degree Lodges shall be governed by the same rules and regulations as set forth in the Constitution for the government of officers of Sub-lodges of the Red Rose Degree. Members of New Lodges desiring to receive the second degree from any duly chartered Lodge, shall first procure a dispensation from the Executive of the Supreme Grand Lodge for such admission. No Lodge shall have the

power to confer the degree on members of other Lodges without the authority from the Executive.

147. When two or more White Rose Degree Lodges desire to amalgamate for the purpose of forming one strong Degree Lodge, the Lodges so amalgamating shall surrender their charters and shall apply to the Supreme Grand Lodge or Executive for a new charter for the White Rose Degree Lodge thus formed. All candidates wishing to join such White Rose Degree Lodge must be proposed, balloted for and elected in said Lodge, but must present certificates as to character and financial standing in their Red Rose Degree Lodge, signed by the the proper officers and bearing the Lodge seal.

148. Candidates shall be admitted into membership in this Degree by ballot—three black balls shall disqualify ; any candidate rejected may renew his application for admission after three months from the date of his rejection.

149. Degree Lodges shall control their own funds and make their own by-laws, subject to the approval of the Supreme Graud Lodge.

150. Property belonging to Degree Lodges shall, under no pretense, be taken from the Lodge room unless in charge of proper officers.

Constitution of the Beneficiary Department of the Sons of England Benevolent Society.

OBJECTS.

151. The object of this Department shall be to provide financial aid for the widows, orphans, heirs, devisees, or nominees of deceased brethren who were in good standing in their respective Lodges and in this Department at the time of their death, and for brethren who may become totally disabled.

152. Brethren over the age of fifty years who are in good standing in their respective Lodge shall be eligible to join this department, providing they join within three months after this Constitution becomes law (February, 1885) and not otherwise. All members after that time shall not be eligible to join this department who are over fifty years of age.

153. Should a member of this department be suspended or expelled from his Lodge for any cause, or withdraw from membership in it, he shall cease to be a member of this Department; and in case of his death his representative shall not be entitled to any benefits from the funds of this Department.

REVENUE.

154. The revenue of this Department shall be derived from the proposition fees of candidates for admission, and from assessments upon its members. The proposition fee shall be three dollars.

BENEFITS.

155. Upon satisfactory proof of the death of a member who is entitled to benefits from the funds of this Department, his representatives or assigns shall receive, within sixty days from the proof of his death, a sum not to exceed one thousand or five hundred dollars as the case may be, and when a member has become totally disabled who is entitled to benefits from this Department, he shall receive within sixty days from the time of proof of such disability, a sum not to exceed one-half the above named amounts, and the balance to which he may become entitled at the time of his death shall be paid to his representatives or assigns on satisfactory proof as aforesaid, provided that he continues in good standing in the Order and in this Department.

156. The sum to be paid to a disabled member, or to the representatives of a deceased member, shall be levied by an assessment on all members of this Department according to the following scale, that is to say, members who join this Department before they attain the age of,

	For $1,000. $ cts.	For $500. $ cts.
30 years shall pay.....	50	 25
30 and under 25 years.....	55	 28
35 and under 40 years	60	 30
40 and under 45 years.....	70	 35
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50 and under 55 years	1 10	 55
55 and under 60 years.....	1 50	 75
Over 60 years	2 00	..... 1 00

157. If the sums of $1.000 or $500, as the case may be, are not realized by an assessment made as provided for in the foregoing clause, then the representatives of the deceased shall only be entitled to receive the sum realized by the levy of an assessment made upon all the members in good standing in this department at that time. And in the case of total disability, providing the assessment does not realize $1,000 or $500, as the case may be, then the amount to be paid to the member disabled shall be one-half the foregoing assessment made or obtained.

158. Members shall have the option of paying into the benefit fund as per rule 156, and shall be entitled to the benefits to be paid on the terms and conditions as set forth in rule 155 and rule 157 of this Constitution. Any member who may have taken out a certificate for $500, and wishing to increase that amount, shall be permitted to do so, provided the first and second certificate shall not amount together to more than $1,000. The applicant shall be required to pass a second medical examination, and be charged for such increased amount, according to his age at the time of making the second application, and that a fee of $1 be charged to cover the expense of the second application.

159. Members shall nominate and designate in writing on their application the person or persons to whom they wish the amount of their certificate paid, and shall have the right at any time to change the same. Such nomina-

tion and designation to be witnessed by two persons who shall be members of the Order, with the Lodge seal attached, which shall be forwarded by the Lodge Secretary to the Finance Committee, who shall cause the same to be entered in a book provided for that purpose and the original placed on file, and a new certificate issued, for which he shall pay the sum of fifty cents. In case the assessment shall exceed the sum required, the surplus of said assessment, with others, shall form a fund, which, when sufficient to pay a death or accident benefit shall be used for that purpose.

OFFICERS.

160. The officers of this Department shall consist of President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Supreme Grand President of the Sons of England Benevolent Society shall be President, the Supreme Grand Secretary shall be Secretary, and the Supreme Grand Treasurer shall be Treasurer of this Department during their respective terms of office.

161. There shall be a Finance Committe, to be composed of not less than seven members, to be chosen by the Delegates of the Supreme Grand Lodge.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

162. The Supreme Grand President or his appointee shall preside at all meetings of the Finance Committee; he shall sign the certificates of membership and orders drawn on the Treasurer; he shall have no vote, except

when votes are equal, in which case he shall have a casting vote ; he shall have power to call emergency meetings of the committee whenever he may deem it necessary ; he shall be personally responsible for the proper execution of the bonds required to be given by the Secretary, Treasurer, and Trustees, and for all monies received by them until such bonds are duly signed and in his possession ; he shall see that the laws and regalations of the Department are faithfully and properly executed ; in the absence of the Supreme Grand President or appointee, the Finance Committee shall appoint some member to preside.

163 The Supreme Grand Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Finance Committee and of the Department's business transactions ; keep the books of accounts, and conduct correspondence, collect and receive all monies from the Sub-lodge Secretaries due to the Department, giving his receipt for the same, and pay over all monies so received, as soon as the sum amounts to fifty dollars, to the Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor ; call all meetings of the Finance Committee when ordered to do so by the Supreme Grand President or four members of the Finance Board (by circular) ; prepare the certificates of membership and notices of all deaths or assessments, and all communications called for and required by the officers ; keep a record of the names of deceased or disabled members and of the amounts paid to them or to their representatives ; keep a record in the books of the Department of the names of the members who have paid, and of those who have failed

to pay the assessments made upon them, and also of those whose applications have been rejected; send notices of assessments to Sub-lodge Secretaries, make semi-annually a full report in writing of the transactions and condition of the Department; take charge of the Seal of the Department, and affix the same, and perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Supreme Grand President or Finance Committee; he shall give a bond to the Supreme President and his successors in office in the sum of $300 for the faithful performance of his duties and for the proper care and accounting for of all monies or other property of the Department that may come into his possession, and hand over the same to his successors in office.

164. The Supreme Grand Treasurer shall receive all monies from the Secretary, giving his receipt therefor, deposit the same in a legally chartered bank (to be named by the Finance Committee) in the name of the Department's Trustees; pay all orders when signed by the President and Secretary, and stamped with the Supreme Grand Lodge Seal; receive from the Trustees all monies when withdrawn from the bank; shall attend and produce his books and vouchers when required by the auditors; he shall give a bond to the President and his successors in office, from a guarantee company to be named by the Supreme President, in the sum of $500 for the faithful performance of the duties of his office; no monies or papers shall be placed in his hands until such bonds are

properly executed and in the President's possession ; shall place all books, papers and vouchers pertaining to his office at the disposal of the Finance Committee when ordered to do so by the Supreme Grand President.

165. The Finance Committee shall approve of all Medical Officers, and in case of necessity shall have the right to submit any application for further medical examination, to any of the medical staff they may decide upon, the cost of such examination, shall be paid from the General Fund, the same not to exceed one dollar ; they shall consider all applications for memberhip and accept or reject the same ; shall consider the re-instatement of members in arrears ; shall see that the endowment and permanent funds are properly invested, and shall sanction the payment of all monies drawn on the Treasurer ; shall decide when the permanent fund is sufficiently large to pay endowments from the same ; shall appoint two auditors ; shall certify to all cases of death or disability, aud render such aid and assistance to the President and officers as may be required for the proper management of the affairs of the Department. Upon the request of four or more members the Supreme Grand Secretary shall call a special meeting for the transaction of such business as may be required.

166. Two auditors shall be appointed who shall audit the books and accounts of this Department, and make a semi-annual report thereon in July and January of each year.

167. Sub-Lodge Secretaries shall, upon receipt of notices of assessments from the Supreme Grand Secretary, send a copy of the same to each member of their respective Lodges who is a member of this Department; collect and transmit all assessments to the Supreme Grand Secretary within forty days from date of said notices, taking his receipt for same; they shall furnish the Supreme Grand Secretary with a list of all members and their standing in the Lodge, and of those who have failed to pay their assessments within the perscribed time; they shall keep a full and correct account between the Department and their Lodge members, and perform such other duties as may be required of them. And for their services, shall retain 25 cents of the applicant's fee for defraying expenses as agents to the department.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHP.

168. All applications for membership must be made in open Lodge verbally or by letter, and upon the form supplied by the Department; they shall be countersigned by the President and Secretary of the Lodge to which the applicant belongs, and stamped with the Lodge Seal. They shall be forwarded by the Lodge Secretary to the Surgeon for medical examination; tne Lodge Secretary shall forward the fee of $1.75 to the Supreme Grand Secretary, who shall after receiving the application paper from the medical examiner submit the same to the Finance Committee and if approved, they shall instruct the Supreme Grand Secretary to issue a certificate of membership to the applicant.

169. Should a candidate be rejected by the Finance Committee, or by the Supreme Grand Medical Examiner, the sum of two dollars shall be returned.

170. Upon satisfactory proof of the death of a member, the Finance Committee shall forthwith order the Supreme Grand Secretary to make an assessment on the scale provided for in rule 155, which assessment shall be made in the following manner. On the first day of every month the Supreme Grand Secretary shall notify each Lodge Secretary, whose duty it shall be to issue printed notices to each member of his Lodge, who is a member of this Department, of the death or cases of total disability which have taken place during the preceeding month, giving the name of each deceased or disabled member and the Lodge to which he belonged or belongs, and the assessments due for the month; he shall collect and forward to the Supreme Grand Secretary the assessments called for. Notices so sent or posted to the last given address of members shall be deemed and taken to be a lawful and sufficient demand for the payment of the assessments so called for and required. Money may be sent by post office order or registered letter addressed to the Secretary of his Lodge, and any member failing to pay the assessments imposed upon him within thirty days from the date of the notice furnished by the Lodge Secretary, shall forfeit his membership in this Department and all benefits therefrom.

171. Any member having forfeited his membership by

failing to pay his assessments may make application to his Lodge Secretary within three months after such default was first made, presenting a certificate from the regular appointed medical examiner to show that he is in good health, for which he shall pay, and may upon the payment of all arrears, be reinstated to membership in this Department if approved of by the Finance Committee.

PERMANENT FUND.

172. A permanent fund shall be set apart in the manner following, to wit:—Firstly, From admission fees, and, Secondly, From that portion of the assessments not expended in the payments of endowments, and, Thirdly, from interest on investments; which fund shall be securely invested by the Finance Committee, and shall be used for the following purposes:—First that endowments may be paid before the assessments are collected from the survivors. Second, to insure stability and prosperity, and to provide for contingencies that may arise. Third, To pay all necessary expenses of management.

173. Whenever the Finance Committee shall decide that the permanent fund is larger than is absolutely required for the stability of this Department they may suspend the collection of one or more assessments altogether, and pay endowments out of the permanent fund.

SEAL.

174. The Supreme Grand Secretary shall attach the Seal of the Supreme Grand Lodge to all certificates of

membership and other official documents, save and except the notices of assessments.

MEDICAL OFFICERS.

175. Each Lodge shall appoint a duly qualified medical practitioner subject to the approval of the Finance Committee, He must, if possible be a member of the Order. Candidates may apply to any medical officer of this Department for examination.

176. The medical officer shall carefully examine all candidates, and shall make a full report upon the forms provided by the Department, and forward the same to the Supreme Grand Secretary. The applicant shall pay the sum of one dollar to the Medical Examiner for his services.

CERTIFICATES.

177. The Supreme Grand Secretary shall furnish each member of this Department with a certificate of membership signed by the Supreme Grand President and Supreme Grand Secretary, bearing the Seal of the Supreme Grand Lodge. The certificate shall contain the terms and conditions on which the certificate of membership is issued. On payment of the endowment stipulated, it shall be surrendered to the Supreme Grand Secretary by the heirs, devisees, or nominees of the deceased member, on which shall be endorsed a receipt in full of all demands.

178. A Committee of two shall be appointed in each Lodge to be called the Beneficiary Committee, to work for this particular department.

179. No amendments or alterationa shall be made to the rules of this Department unless agreed upon by a two-third majority of those present at a meeting of the Supreme Grand Lodge of the Sons of England Benevolent Society, and of which two months' notice shall have been given to the Lodges.

180. Members shall be governed by all the laws now in force, or that shall hereafter be made.

REGALIA.

181. The recognized regalia if this Order shall be as follows:—

The Badge approved and adopted by the Grand Lodge at Galt, 1885.

SECOND DEGREE.—Blue silk collar, with roses embroidered thereon; silver fringe all around.

Executive Officers of Subordinate Lodges shall have their collars trimmed with silver fringe; the President and Past President with gold fringe.

Subordinate Lodge Presidents shall wear the Royal coat of arms, with crossed gavels in gold suspended in front of collar on the left breast.

Vice-President—Royal Coat of Arms, with crossed gavels in silver.

Treasurer—Royal Coat of Arms. with crossed keys in silver.

Secretary—Royal Coat of Arms, with crossed pens in silver.

Chaplain—College cap and black gown.

Executive Grand Lodge Officers' collars and cuffs shall be embroidered with roses in gold.

Supreme Grand Lodge President, in addition, shall wear a five starred gold jewel, with Union Jack in centre.

Lodge Surgeon's regalia shall be a sash made of white silk trimmed with blue, fastened with gold star with epaulet and ends trimmed with gold fringe.

Past Supreme Grand President's regalia shall be a neck ribbon of blue watered silk three inches wide, with jewel suspended from end of same. Senior and Junior Guards may be provided with swords.

District Deputies' collars shall be trimmed with gold fringe.

The funeral regalia of the Order shall be a black silk rosette, with purple ribbon, six inches long, two inches wide, with gold fringe, with emblem and S. O. E. B. S. stamped in gold, and white gloves. No regalia to be worn, except Marshall, who shall have the rosee on his collar draped and his staff trimmed with black and blue ribbon.

The order of procession to be observed at funerals shall be that officers and members walk in front of the hearse, officers walking last. On arriving at the cemetery, the procession shall open, permitting the funeral cortege to pass through their ranks, then the officers first and members follow to the grave.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

182. 1. Opening of Lodge.

2. Roll call of officers.

3. Reading minutes of previous meeting, which, if correct, shall be adopted and signed by the Presiding Officer.

4. The receiving and consideration of any reports from the Managing Committee in regard to sick members.

5. The receiving and consideration of reports of the Managing Committee in regard to character.

6. Ballotting for candidates.

7. Initiation of candidates for membership.

8. The consideration of applications for beneficiary policies.

9. Proposition of candidates.

10. Nomination of officers and election thereof, on the nights set apart for that purpose.

11. Installation of officers on the proper night.

12. Receiving and consideration of any reports of officers or special committees.

13. The reading and consideration of accounts and other communications in the hand of the Secretary.

14. Deferred business.

15. General business.

16. Report of receipts.

17. Closing of the Lodge.

RULES OF ORDER.

183. 1. Lodges shall open punctually at the time appointed.

2. Any member offering a motion must do so in writing, on a request to that effect by the Secretary, the presiding officer, or the Lodge.

3. No question shall be put by the presiding officer unless regularly moved and seconded, nor be opened for consideration until so put, and when put, no other motion shall be receivable unless it be a motion

(1) To adjourn

(2) To lay on the table.

(3) To put the previous question.

(4) To postpone.

(5) To refer; or,

(6) To amend.

These several motions, if made, shall have precedence in the order above stated, and the first three thereof shall be decided without debate.

4. The previous question shall be put from the chair, only after it shall have been ascertained that the call therefor is sustained by a majority of the members of the Lodge present, and then shall always be put in the words

following,—"Shall the question be now put?" which words shall be understood to have reference to whatever question may be pending immediately before such call for the previous question may have been so made.

5. Any two members having voted in the majority may, at the same or next regular meeting, move for a reconsideration thereof, but no discussion on the main question shall be allowed upon such motion.

6. Every member shall have the privilege of speaking twice on any question, but not oftener, unless by permission of the presiding officer.

7. The presiding officer, or any member, may call a Brother to order while speaking, and in such case the debate shall forthwith be suspended, and the brother so called to order shall not proceed until the point of order thus raised shall have been decided, nor speak upon such point of order unless it be to make necessary explanation or appeal from the decision of the Chair.

8. In all cases where a member may appeal from any decision of the chair he shall use the following words and none other, unless it be for necessary explanations:—"Worthy President,—I respectfully appeal from the decision of the Chair to the Lodge," and the Lodge shall, after such explanation from the presiding officer as he may deem necessary, proceed forthwith to consider the vote upon the question; "Will the Lodge sustain the decision of the chair"?

9. The presiding officer or the Lodge may at any time require all members present to vote upon any question, or may excuse any member or members from so doing.

10. Brothers not members of the Lodge may address the meeting on receiving permission to that effect from the presiding officer.

11. A motion to suspend the order of proceedings for the time being, may at any time be carried by a majority vote; but no part of these rules shall be altered or amended, unless by a two-thirds vote, at a special meeting convened for that purpose.

12. In the events of disputes arising whereby none of the foregoing decide the case, resource shall be made to "Cushing's Manual of Parliamentary Usage."

AMENDMENTS.

184. This Constitution, or any part thereof, shall not be altered, amended, suspended, or annulled, unless by a two-thirds vote of the Grand Lodge in session.

J. W. KEMPLING,
Supreme Grand President.

J. W. CARTER,
Supreme Grand Secretary.

Toronto, 1889.

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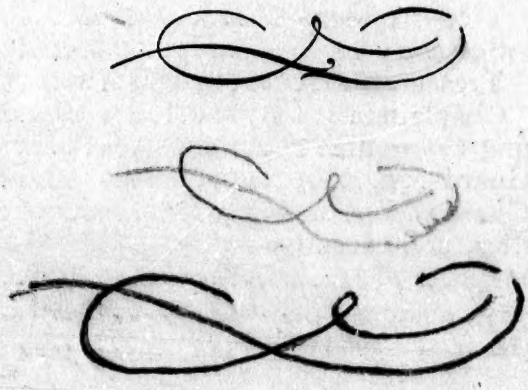

PRICE LIST OF SUPPLIES.

President s Regalia	$ 3 50
Officers Regalia, per dozen	36 00
Chaplain's Regalia	6 60
Surgeon's Regalia	4 40
Union Flag, 9 ft. x 5 ft	8 00
Registration Book	1 00
Order on Treasurer	60
Notices, in pads of 200	40
Medical examination, declaring on, and off Sick Funds, each	50
Clearance Papers per dozen	12
Members Certificates, per dozen	3 00
Funeral Regalia, per hundred	18 00
Officers Jewels in Silver and Gold, per set	20 00
Officers Jewels, plated	10 00
Proposition Papers, per hundred	25
Lodge Seals	5 00
Ballot Balls, per hundred	75
Officers' Bonds, per set	25
Past President's Jewel, including gold soverign	15 50
" " " gold half soverign $10 or	12 50
Contribution books, per hundred	3 00
Letter Headings, per pad	50
Member's badges, per hundred	25 00
Roses, per dozen	2 00
Secretaries cash book	1 50
Treasurers cash book	60
Ritual Book	1 00

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